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Applicant's or agent's file reference	FOR FURTHER ACTION See Notification of Transmittal of International Preliminary Examination Report (Form PCT/IPEA/416)	
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1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.

2. This REPORT consists of a total of 4 sheets, including this cover sheet.

This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

These annexes consist of a total of 9 sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I Basis of the report
- II Priority
- III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV Lack of unity of invention
- V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI Certain documents cited
- VII Certain defects in the international application
- VIII Certain observations on the international application

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I. Basis of the report

1. This report has been drawn on the basis of (*Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to the report since they do not contain amendments.*):

the international application as originally filed.

the description, pages _____, as originally filed,
pages _____, filed with the demand,
pages 1-8, filed with the letter of 20.10.1999,
pages _____, filed with the letter of _____.

the claims, Nos. _____, as originally filed,
Nos. _____, as amended under Article 19,
Nos. _____, filed with the demand,
Nos. 1, filed with the letter of 20.10.1999,
Nos. _____, filed with the letter of _____.

the drawings, sheets/fig 1-9, as originally filed,
sheets/fig _____, filed with the demand
sheets/fig _____, filed with the letter of _____,
sheets/fig _____, filed with the letter of _____.

2. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

the description, pages _____

the claims, Nos. _____

the drawings, sheets/fig _____

3. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

4. Additional observations, if necessary:

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V. Resoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims		YES
	Claims	1	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations

The invention relates to a safety box/ combustion container mainly for contagious surgical waste material.

It is intended to create secure safekeeping of contaminated hospital waste products.

The solution is a safety box made of laminated, flat paper/cardboard material folded along pressed folding lines, water repellent on the outer surface and liquid absorbing on the inside, combustable and provided with a slit on one of its longer sides being closed with a flap and also provided with an opening at the top of the box.

The following documents were referred to in the International Search Report:

- (1) US 4674676
- (2) US 5039004
- (3) US 4452358
- (4) EP 328416

(1) refers to a fold up container of cardboard for used medical materials with an opening at the top.

(2) refers to a medical appliance disposal container made from a blank of foldable material of laminated layers of wood pulp fiberboard with one side being water repellent.

(3) refers to a medical appliance disposal container with openings with any suitable shape to receive particular medical appliances.

(4) refers to a container made from a blank of foldable material for the incineration of disposable articles, which container provides a slit on one of its longer sides being closed with a flap.

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Supplemental Box

(To be used when the space in any of the preceding boxes is not sufficient)

Continuation of: V.

The invention differs from the cited prior art in that the inside of the container is water absorbant. However, it appears obvious for a person skilled in the art to configurate a container in this manner.

Thus, the invention claimed in claim 1 is novel but does not fulfil the criteria of inventive step. The industrial applicability of the invention is obvious.